

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Szafraniec et al.
Serial No.: 10/046,521
Filed: January 14, 2002
For: TIME DIFFERENCE SYNCHRONISATION FOR DETERMINATION OF A PROPERTY OF AN OPTICAL DEVICE
Notice of Allowance Date: June 21, 2004
Examiner: Michael A. Lyons
Group Art Unit: 2877
Confirmation No.: 3471
Customer No.: 27,623 Attorney Docket: 10010748

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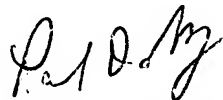
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Dear Sir:

In response to the informalities enclosed with the Notice of Allowability dated June 21, 2004, enclosed herewith is the formal drawing (1 sheet) for Figure 1 for the above-identified patent application.

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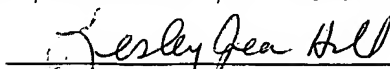
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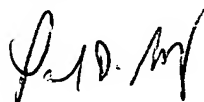
Dear Sir:

We are enclosing:

1. PTOL-85 (in duplicate)
2. Replacement Fig. 1
3. Statement on the Reasons for Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.104(e);
4. Transmittal letter in duplicate; and
5. Postcard.

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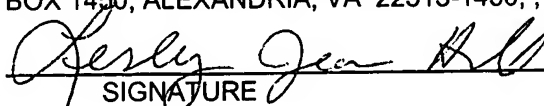
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Allowance dated 21 JUN 2004, for the present application. The Notice of Allowance was accompanied by a Notice of Allowability dated 16 JUN 2004.

Page 2 of the Notice of Allowability includes an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance that states:

As for claims 1, 5, 6, and 11, the prior art of record, taken either alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious a method and software program for the determination of an optical property of an optical device under

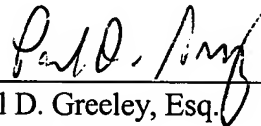
test, where the time-delay between the first signal, **the measurement signal from the measurement interferometer** and DUT, and the second signal, **the reference signal from the reference interferometer**, is compensated for...(emphasis added).

None of claims 1, 5, 6 and 11 recite either of (a) the measurement signal from the measurement interferometer, or (b) the reference signal from the reference interferometer. The inclusion of such recitals in the claims is not supported by the file history of the present application, and more particularly, during prosecution, there was no suggestion that the claims be restricted to include these recitals. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 5, 6 and 11 should be entitled to their full scope of equivalents and that no file prosecution history estoppel be established based on the inclusion of these recitals in the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

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